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FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial support required by BSNL for supporting the existing telecom services for non-profitable areas and subscribers; and

(b) the financial support required by BSNL to expand such telecom services in rural areas and non-profitable areas, especially in view of the target of 4 per cent teledensity to be achieved by 2010 in rural areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUI MAHAJAN)

(a) The financial support required by BSNL for supporting the existing non-profitable rural telecom services, is estimated at Rs. 4000 crore per annum.

(b) the financial support required by BSNL to expand such telecom services in tune with its contribution to achieve teledensity targets, has been estimated at Rs. 22830 crore over the 10th Five Year Plan Period (April 2002- March, 2007)